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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN PRESSURE FOR RESIDENT EMBASSY

REFERENCE: SAN JOSE 2390 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED NORTH KOREAN INTEREST IN RESIDENT EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA WITH ROK EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. ROK EMBASSY CHECKED WITH FONOFF IN SEOUL. FONOFF REPLIED THAT IT WAS AWARE OF DPRK MISSION TO COSTA RICA AND ITS PURPOSE, BUT THAT FONOFF DID NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY COUNTER-MEASURES AT THIS TIME. FONOFF ALSO NOTED THAT IT IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF ROK EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA OR SAN JOSE WHICH DECISION WILL BE AFFECTED BY RESULT OF DPRK MISSION TO SAN JOSE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE AMERICAN EMBASSY OUGHT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF THE KOREANS, BUT CONTINUE TO KEEP INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IF ASKED FOR USG VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE RESULTS OF NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE, YOU
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MAY CITE THE 1971 INSTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN TRAINING OF MEXI-

CANS FOR GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES WHICH CASE COSTA RICA IS UN-
DOUBTEDLY AWARE OF. IN ADDITION, NORTH KOREANS COULD BE
EXPECTED TO BE VERY ACTIVE POLITICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY
(DPRK EMBASSIES HAVE PLACED UNSUBTLE ADVERTISEMENTS IN LOCAL
PRESS DEFAMING U.S. AND ROK.) WE ARE CONTINUING TO GATHER
FURTHER INFO ON DPRK ACTIVITIES AND WILL CABLE RESULTS. SISCO

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